



ÉCOLE SEAFORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

With snow on the ground Burnaby is looking very festive indeed! On behalf of the PAC, I wish you and your families the very best for the holidays and for 2013.

As 2012 draws to a close, I'd like to thank the PAC Exec for all of their hard work. We have a fantastic Exec this year with lots of enthusiasm and ideas, and we're looking forward to rolling out a number of new initiatives in 2013. Many thanks as well to the small army of volunteers that help to organize and implement PAC activities. In just four short months we have accomplished the following:

Event	\$ Raised	Thanks to our coordinators
Hot Lunch	\$4,800 for the PAC	Cathy Nielsen, Rishma Vallani, Meishan Cheung, Adrienne Dall'Antonia and all of the volunteers who help to deliver lunches
Pub Night	\$1,660 for the PAC	Annie Hobson, Teri Lam, Sandra Mankoo, Sharon Sami, Phyllis Tong and Hark Sandhu
Popcorn Fridays	\$650 for the PAC	Adrienne Dall'Antonia and Ann Einstein
Family Photo Night	\$900 for the school	Siva Ramesh
Scholastic Book Fairs	More than \$2,000 for the Library	Birdie Chan

Computer update – The iPads have arrived and are in use! I understand that Mr. Lapthorne's class was the first to use them. All of the parents who have worked so hard over the years to fundraise for the school deserve huge congratulations. Seaforth is very technologically advanced as a result of your efforts. Nearly every classroom has a Front Row Sound System to help students hear the teacher (and to protect the teachers from voice strain), and now we've got a full set of iPads that will greatly enhance our children's learning. In addition, with \$7,625 in parent donations and the remaining surplus from last year we now have enough money to completely upgrade the computer lab! We do need to vote on this at the January PAC meeting, but if the majority of parents agree, by the end of this school year we'll have an entirely new computer lab for our children to use.

New stove – We also have a new stove! Last year's Grade 7 Grad Committee graciously donated their excess funds to the PAC to purchase a new stove for the kitchen. Thank you very much!

Family social – In keeping with our focus on family and community, we are switching things up a bit this year and having a family social / silent auction with Seaforth's first ever **Family Hoedown**. If you're interested in helping to organize this event, which will be held in early May, please email chair@seaforthpac.net.

Traffic and crosswalk safety – I am pleased to report that traffic is flowing much more effectively at pick-up/drop-off. Thanks to Anne Deliyannides for coordinating our crosswalk safety program, and to Sophia Yuen for taking on the daunting task of traffic safety.

Safe School Committee – We have started a new page on the PAC website (www.seaforthpac.com) called Parent Support that includes links for parents about how to keep our children safe online, helping with homework, resources for family support, etc. Check back often for updates and if you come across any interesting links or documents that you'd like to share, please email them to chair@seaforthpac.net. The Safe School Committee is also bringing a number of speakers to the school in 2013 to give our children the skills they need to keep themselves safe. More details to come soon.

We welcome your feedback and opinions. Please do not hesitate to call me at 604-219-2824 or send a note to chair@seaforthpac.net.

Yours truly,
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